



## **BOARDWALK TRAIL AT LADY BIRD LAKE**

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### **BACKGROUND**

- The trail around Lady Bird Lake has a 1.2 mile gap on the south side
- The Fiscal Year 2008 Capital Budget included \$1.7 million to design a Boardwalk trail to eliminate the gap
- March 2008 City Council approved a contract to hire a consultant to design the Boardwalk
- January 2009 City Council included the Boardwalk on the list of Federal Stimulus funding projects submitted to CAMPO

## **DESIGN STATUS**

- The proposed boardwalk alignment has been considered in four public meetings at the Parks Board
- Two lakeside condominiums object to a Boardwalk in front of their residences
- The Parks Board action did not recommend a *specific alignment*
- Today, we will review the project and recommend a preferred boardwalk alignment
- On February 26, City Council endorsement of this alignment will be requested

## **FUNDING**

- \$1.7 million authorized for the design
- December 2007 City Council directed that \$2,475,000 of the \$4,950,000 formerly dedicated to the Austin Children's Museum at Block 21 be used for the Boardwalk project
- Construction is estimated to cost \$15 million
- Funding options include; Federal Stimulus program, private funds, Parkland Dedication fees and future bonds

## PATH PARAMETERS

- Route on land where possible
- 14' width w/ gradual turns
- ADA compliant (typical 5% grade)
- Flood compatible
- Multi-use surface(s)
- Periodic rest stops

## RECOMMENDED ROUTING









